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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RANDY STRATTON) Case No. CV09-8796 PSG (PJWx)
Plaintiff,) Complaint Filed: December 1, 2009
v.) Honorable Philip S. Gutierrez
UPPER PLAYGROUND)
ENTERPRISES, INC.; and DOES 1)
through 10, inclusive,)
Defendants.)

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TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:

BASED UPON THE STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES, AND GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person or party subject to this Order – including without limitation the parties to this action, their representatives, agents, experts and consultants, all third parties providing discovery in this action, and

1 all other interested persons with actual or constructive notice of this Order – shall
2 adhere to the following terms:

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4 1. **Overview:** Any person or party subject to this Order who receives from
5 any other person or party any information of any kind provided in the course of
6 discovery in the action (hereinafter “Discovery Material”) that is designated as
7 “Confidential” and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” pursuant to the terms of this
8 Order (hereinafter, the “Confidential Information” of “Confidential Discovery
9 Material”) shall not disclose such Confidential Information to anyone else except as
10 expressly permitted hereunder.

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12 2. **Material Designated As “Confidential”:** The person or party disclosing
13 or producing any given Discovery Material may designate as “Confidential” such
14 portion of such material as consists of any commercially sensitive and/or confidential
15 financial or business information, such as client lists, purchase records, sales records,
16 item profitability reports, pricing methods, and confidential nonpublic contracts. The
17 parties, or some of them, request protection of such information on the grounds that said
18 information is not ordinarily available to the public, that said information, if disclosed,
19 could be harmful to the parties, or any of them, that said information, if disclosed, could
20 be helpful to the competitors of the parties, or any of them, and that said information
21 therefore requires special protection from disclosure pursuant to F.R.C.P. 26(c).

1 3. **Disclosure Of “Confidential” Materials:** No person or party subject to
2 the Order other than the producing person or party shall disclose any of the Discovery
3 Material designated by the producing person or party as “Confidential” to any other
4 person whomsoever, except to:

5 (a) the parties to this action and Protective Order, including their
6 employees and former employees, to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose such
7 Confidential Discovery Material;

8 (b) in-house (or corporate) legal counsel, and outside attorneys retained
9 specifically for this action, and fellow employees of each such attorneys’ law firms to
10 whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose such Confidential Discovery Material;

11 (c) its author, its addressee, and any other person indicated on the face
12 of the document as having received a copy;

13 (d) any employee or agent, or former employee or agent, of any sender
14 or recipient of the document (e.g. where a Purchase Order from Company A to
15 Company B is produced in litigation by Company A, said document may be disclosed to
16 employees or agents of Company B under the terms of this Protective Order).

17 (e) any person retained by a party to serve as an expert witness or
18 otherwise providing specialized advice to counsel in connection with this action,
19 provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form
20 annexed as an Exhibit hereto;

1 (f) stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions conducted in this
2 action and their support personnel; and
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4 (g) the Court and its support personnel;

5 (h) any mediator or settlement officer, whom the parties have elected or
6 consented to preside over the case.
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8 (i) as required by law or court order upon notice to the designating
9 party sufficiently in advance of such disclosure to permit it to seek a protective order.
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11 **4. Material Designated As “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only”:** The
12 person or party disclosing or producing any given Discovery Material may designate
13 material as “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” only if (a) the material meets the
14 definition of Confidential, pursuant to Section 2 above, and (b) an opposing party is a
15 direct competitor, or a potential direct customer of that party. A party may not mark
16 documents as “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” in order to keep the documents from
17 any other party, if the two parties are represented by the same attorneys in this matter.
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19 **5. Disclosure Of “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” Material:** No
20 person or party subject to this Order other than the producing person or party shall
21 disclose any of the Discovery Material designated by the producing person or party as
22 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” to any other person whomsoever, except to:
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1 a) outside attorneys retained specifically for this action, and fellow
2 employees of each such attorneys' law firms to whom it is reasonably necessary to
3 disclose such Confidential Discovery Material;

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5 b) outside experts and outside consultants (including their employees
6 or clerical assistants) who are employed, retained or otherwise consulted by a party or
7 its attorneys for the purpose of analyzing data, conducting studies or providing opinions
8 to assist, in any way, in this litigation and to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose
9 such Confidential Discovery Material, provided such person has first executed a Non-
10 Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto;

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12 c) the party producing said documents and persons affiliated with the
13 party producing said documents, including the producing party's employees and former
14 employees (provided such former employee has first executed a Non-Disclosure
15 Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto), during the time they are testifying
16 in deposition or at trial, or in connection with written discovery requests;

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18 d) Any employee or agent of any sender or recipient of the document
19 (e.g. where a Purchase Order from Company A to Company B is produced in litigation
20 by Company A, said document may be disclosed to employees or agents of Company B
21 under the terms of this Protective Order).

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23 e) stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions conducted in this
24 action;

- f) the Court and its support personnel
- g) any mediator or settlement officer, whom the parties have elected or consented to preside over the case, and/or
- h) as required by law or court order upon notice to the designating party sufficiently in advance of such disclosure to permit it to seek a protective order.

6. **Deposition Transcripts:** With respect to the Confidential portion(s) of any Discovery material other than deposition transcripts and exhibits, the producing person or party or that person's or party's counsel may designate such portion(s) as "Confidential" or "Confidential /Attorneys' Eyes Only" by stamping or otherwise clearly marking as "Confidential" or "Confidential/Attorneys' Eyes Only" the protected portion(s) in a manner that will not interfere with legibility or audibility. With respect to deposition transcripts and exhibits, a producing person or party or that person or party's counsel may indicate on the record that a question calls for Confidential Information, in which case the transcript of the designated testimony shall be bound in a separate volume and marked "Confidential Information Governed by Protective Order" by the reporter.

7. **Later Designations.** A party may also designate information disclosed at a deposition as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY by notifying all parties in writing, within thirty (30) days of receipt of the transcript, of the specific pages and lines designated as such. Each party shall attach a copy of such written statement to the face of each

1 transcript in its possession, custody or control. For seven (7) days after receipt of the
2 transcript, depositions shall be treated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, but after that period
3 any portions not designated as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY may be
4 disclosed.

5 **8. Designations by Another Party.** If a third party produces documents that any
6 party reasonably believes should be protected under this Order, within seven (7) days of the
7 production said party to this action shall advise all counsel of its designation of such
8 documents as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY and shall affix the
9 corresponding stamp on such documents. For seven (7) days after receipt of the documents
10 from a third party, the documents shall be treated as ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY, but after
11 that period any portions not designated as CONFIDENTIAL or ATTORNEYS' EYES ONLY
12 may be disclosed. All parties shall cooperate to effectuate affixing the necessary stamp.

13 **9. Documents Under Seal:** The designation of documents or information as
14 "Confidential" or "Confidential/Attorneys' Eyes Only" creates no entitlement to file
15 such documents or information under seal. Civil Local Rule 79-5 sets forth the
16 procedures that must be followed and reflects the standards that will be applied when a
17 party seeks permission from the court to file materials under seal.

18 **10. Separate Non-Disclosure Agreements:** Prior to any disclosure of any
19 Confidential Discovery Material to any person referred to in paragraph 3a, 3b, 3e, 5a,
20 5b, and/or 5c above, such person shall be provided by counsel with a copy of this
21 Protective Order and shall sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form agreed to by
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1 the Parties, stating that that person has read this Order and agrees to be bound by its
2 terms. Said counsel shall retain each signed Non-Disclosure Agreement, hold it in
3 escrow, and upon request produce it to opposing counsel either prior to such person
4 being permitted to testify (at deposition or trial) or at the conclusion of the case,
5 whichever comes first.
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7 **11. Failure To Designate:** If at any time prior to the trial of this action, a
8 producing person or party realizes that some portion(s) of Discovery Material that that
9 person or party previously produced without limitation should be designated as
10 “Confidential” and/or “Confidential /Attorneys’ Eyes Only”, they may so designate by
11 so apprising all parties in writing, and providing said parties with appropriately marked
12 copies of said Discovery Material, where possible, and such designated portion(s) of the
13 Discovery Material will thereafter be treated as “Confidential” and/or
14 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” under the terms of this Order.
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16 **12. Designations In Good Faith:** “Confidential” and/or
17 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” material shall only include information which the
18 designating party in good faith believes will, if disclosed, have the effect of causing
19 harm to its competitive position. “Confidential” and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes
20 Only” material shall not include information that (a) was, is or becomes public
21 knowledge, not in violation of this Protective Order or any other obligation of
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1 confidentiality, or (b) was or is acquired from a third party having no direct or indirect
2 obligation of confidentiality to the designating party.
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4 **13. Objections To Designations:** Any party who either objects to any
5 designation of confidentiality, or who, by contrast, requests still further limits on
6 disclosure (such as in camera review in extraordinary circumstances), may at any time
7 prior to the trial of this action serve upon counsel for the designating person or party a
8 written notice stating with particularity the grounds of the objection or request. If
9 agreement cannot be reached promptly, counsel for the objecting party may seek
10 appropriate relief from the Court in accordance with Local Rule 37 and the party
11 asserting confidentiality shall have the burden of providing same. Should the Court
12 determine a designation of confidentiality was not made in good faith, the objecting
13 party shall be entitled to recovery of reasonable attorneys fees and costs in connection
14 with bringing the Motion to object to any designation of confidentiality. If a party
15 disagrees with or challenges the grounds or basis for the designation of any document
16 or information as Confidential Material, that party nevertheless shall treat and protect
17 such material as Confidential Material in accordance with this Protective Order unless
18 and until all parties shall have agreed in writing, or an order of the Court shall have
19 been entered, that provides that such challenged Confidential Material may be used or
20 disclosed in a manner different from that specified for Confidential Material in this
21 Protective Order.
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1 **14. Use At Trial:** Documents designated “Confidential” and/or
2 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” may be used by any party without limitation at
3 trial. However, any party who wishes to have such documents treated as “Confidential”
4 and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” may renew their request for confidentiality
5 before the trial judge at the status conference and/or through a motion in limine.
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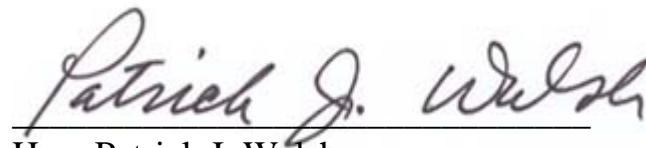
8 **15. Continuing Jurisdiction:** This Court shall retain jurisdiction over all
9 persons subject to this Order to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising
10 hereunder or to impose sanctions for any contempt thereof.
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12 **16. Obligations Upon Termination Of Litigation:** This Protective Order
13 shall survive the termination of the litigation. Within 30 days of the final disposition of
14 this action, including all appeals, the producing party may require that all Discovery
15 Materials designated as “Confidential,” and/or “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only”
16 and all copies thereof, that have not been annotated, illuminated or otherwise “marked-
17 up” to be promptly returned to the producing person or party (at the producing person’s
18 expense), or shall be destroyed. All documents marked “Confidential,” and/or
19 “Confidential/Attorneys’ Eyes Only” that have been annotated, illuminated or otherwise
20 “marked-up” shall not be returned, but shall be destroyed.
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23 **17. Further Modifications:** Any party to this action may, at any time,
24 request the modification of this Protective Order, upon a noticed motion, unless
25 emergency relief is appropriate, and upon a showing of good cause.
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1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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4 Date: May 3, 2010

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6 Hon. Patrick J. Walsh
7 United States Magistrate Judge

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